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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"METHOD FOR DESIGNING TREE-STRUCTURED COMMUNICATION ROUTES AND
TREE-STRUCTURE SOLUTION OF COMMUNICATION ROUTES

the specification of which: (check one)

REGULAR OR DESIGN APPLICATION

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____ as application Serial No. _____
and was amended on (if applicable) _____.

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☐ was described and claimed in International application No. _____ filed on _____
and as amended on (if any) _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, '1.56.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed
JAPAN	11-292131	14.10.1999	YES

(Complete this part only if this is a continuing application.)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations '1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status--patented, pending, abandoned)

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The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. attorney or agent named herein to accept and follow instructions from Hirata & Partners as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorney or agent and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorney or agent named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: **Robert J. PATCH, Reg. No. 17,355, Andrew J. PATCH, Reg. No. 32,925, Robert F. HARGEST, Reg. No. 25,590, BenoTt CASTEL, Reg. No. 35,041, Eric JENSEN, Reg. No. 37,855, Thomas W. PERKINS, Reg. No. 33,027, and Roland E. LONG, Jr., Reg. No. 41,949, c/o YOUNG & THOMPSON, Second Floor, 745 South 23rd Street, Arlington, Virginia 22202.**

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor: **Kenji SOGA**
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Inventor's signature Kenji Soja  Date September 28, 2000

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(given name, family name)

Inventor's signature _____ Date _____

Residence:

Citizenship:

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Full name of third joint inventor, if any:
(given name, family name)

Inventor's signature _____ Date _____

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Citizenship:

Post Office Address:

Date: September 28, 2000

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Date: September 28, 2000

[Signature]

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Execution Date: September 28, 2000

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4. Application number(s) or patent (numbers):

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A. Patent Application No(s).

B. Patent No(s).

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Kenji SOGA,
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I,
hereafter referred to as "applicant", have invented certain new and useful
improvements in METHOD FOR DESIGNING TREE-STRUCTURED COMMUNICATION ROUTES AND
TREE-STRUCTURE SOLUTION OF COMMUNICATION ROUTES
(a) for which an application for a United States patent was filed
on _____, Application No. _____,

(b) for which an application for a United States patent was executed
on September 28, 2000 and

WHEREAS, NEC Corporation, of 7-1, Shiba 5-chome, Minato-ku,
Tokyo 108-01, Japan hereinafter referred to as "assignee", are desirous of acquiring
the entire right, title and interest in and to the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars
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Applicants hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents
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Date: September 28, 2000

Kenji SOGA
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Date: _____
